

**ENGLEWOOD COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AREA  
ADVISORY BOARD (CRA)  
Minutes of July 13, 2006 Meeting**

A regular meeting of the Englewood Community Redevelopment Area Advisory Board (CRA) was held Thursday, July 13, 2006, at Lemon Bay Park, 570 Bay Park Boulevard, Englewood, Florida.

**Members Present:**

Mary Ellen Diez, Chairwoman  
John Fellin, Vice-Chairman  
Harry Colburn  
Lise Yust  
John Radkins  
Richard Howell

**Members Absent:**

Robert Collins

**Staff Present**

Chris Davis, CRA Coordinator  
Elaine Wickwire, Admin. Assistant II  
Crystal Allred, Planning Services

**Call to Order**

Chairwoman Diez called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. There was a quorum present. Mr. Harry Colburn was introduced as the newest member to the CRA Advisory Board.

**Approval of Minutes**

John Radkins **moved** to approve the minutes of the May 11, 2006 and May 25, 2006 meetings, as submitted. The motion was seconded by Dick Howell and carried unanimously.

**Open to the Public**

Mr. John Davison presented comments regarding the plan of the Englewood Water District to raise its rates.

**Discussion Topics:**

▪ **Discussion of Lemon Bay Playhouse/Green Street Property**

Lise Yust noted that five meetings were held to discuss the Lemon Bay Playhouse/Green Street Property.

Mr. Jim Haneshek, President of the Board of Trustees for Lemon Bay Playhouse, and Ms. Elaine Miller-Sanchez, Suncoast Architect, outlined plans and discussed the list of activities as submitted for the Playhouse.

Discussions ensued including the following:

- the use of the property
- the Retail Market Analysis
- the parking issue
- building acoustics
- positive effect on the community
- the possibility of receiving grants

Ms. Davis stated that this partnership would require additional investigation and further discussion with the CRA and Lemon Bay Playhouse members. As information is gathered, it will be brought back to the CRA advisory board.

- **Appoint Member to Architectural Review Committee**

John Fellin volunteered to serve on the Architectural Review Committee.

- **Discussion of Amendment to the Englewood Town Center Plan**

Ms. Crystal Allred presented background information on the Amendment to the Englewood Town Center Plan. Comments were presented on the Central Business District.

Following lengthy discussions, Chairwoman Diez appointed John Fellin to work with the County staff and consultant to establish language and ideas for the amendment to the Englewood Town Center Plan.

- **Discuss Change of Meeting Time to 1:00 p.m.**

John Fellin **moved** that the new meeting time for the CRA be changed to 1:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by John Radkins and carried unanimously.

#### **Advisory Board Comments/Reports**

Dick Howell **moved** that this advisory board request the CRA Board (BCC) to fast track a special exception for the temporary use of either of the properties at 10 Harbor Lane or 67 Cherokee Street, as a museum, and that the Arts Alliance of Lemon Bay be allowed to use one of these properties for a Gaughin Exhibit (and other art-related activities) for a period of six months. The suggested period is September 1, 2006 through February 28, 2007. The motion was seconded by Lise Yust and discussion ensued.

Mr. Howell amended his motion that this project wait until rezone process on the properties is complete. The amendment was seconded by Ms. Yust and discussion continued.

It was recommended that the rezoning process be reviewed and Mr. Howell and Ms. Yust **withdrew the amendment and the original motion.**

#### **Staff Report**

Chris Davis noted that the stormwater project is currently in the work and progress is being made.

John Radkins volunteered to review proposals from the consultants on the update to the CRA plan.

Ms. Davis reported on the Olde Englewood Village improvements including parking lot improvements, restroom improvements, lighting and signage.

#### **Open to the Public**

Mr. John Davison, presented comments regarding CRA bonding potential.

**Advisory Board Comments/Reports**

Board Members welcomed Harry Colburn to the CRA advisory board.

It was noted that four positions for the CRA have been advertised. The advisory council application is on the CRA's website at [www.scgov.net/hometownenglewood](http://www.scgov.net/hometownenglewood)

**Next Meeting**

It was noted that the CRA will hold a meeting on August 10, 2006 at 1:00 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 14, 2006.

**Adjournment**

Hearing no further business, Chairwoman Diez adjourned the meeting at 3:45 p.m.